

May 20, 2002

President Skip Rupert called the regular meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. Fifty-two members were in attendance. Following the pledge to the flag the minutes were read and approved. Bob Bowman presented the treasurer's report. There was a motion by Mike Miller, second by Doug Shanberger to accept the treasurer's report as read.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chairman Kevin Lain reported that the bid on the Dover Township Engine was unsuccessful and the board will be pursuing other means to upgrade the school's apparatus. He advised there would be a meeting on June 6th at 7pm at Station 24-1 2nd floor. Attending this meeting will be instructors for the Fire School, the Board of Governors, and the Fire School Committee. The curriculum at the school, problems, and criteria for courses taught at the school will be discussed. The Assistant Director vacancy will also be discussed along with criteria for that position. Kevin reported that the Fire School sustained damages of approximately \$20,000.00 from a recent storm that went thru the area. To date \$8469.58 has been received as reimbursement from the insurance company to cover damages. The Board anticipates insurance will also cover the remaining work that needs done.

Payments from EMA have been received. Chairman Lain reported that the donation check to the IAFF for \$60,000.00 from the Association has still not been cashed. Kevin also advised that the bids on the School expansion project were in and Markey Builders came in with the low bid. A bid tabulation sheet was shown, the bid was for \$268,110.00 with two alternates, plus a \$20,000.00 contingency, and an additional \$25,000.00 for expenditures. A discussion on rock baseline followed.

Paul Shaefer stated that Chief Rick Shank had a recent neck operation and was home recovering.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Rupert said that a letter was received from York Water Company thanking us for our recent letter of support. President Rupert will have the letter posted at the Fire School.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Bissey reported the Radio Committee met on May 9th at the 9-1-1 Center and proceeded to the 9-1-1 back up site for a tour and held their meeting there. An application was received and approved for Service 7, a new designation for Lineboro. Committee member Steve Dietz reported that there was a lengthy discussion on the studies that are currently underway at the 9-1-1 Center and their anticipated outcome. These studies will not be available to the County until October of this year. Chief Dietz encouraged members to help make the expansion and upgrades of the 9-1-1 Center an election issue next year for the incoming commissioners. He reported there was some discussion about starting up the old Orbicom CAD system. The bottom line was not to look for anything new for at least another two years.

Steve reported on the following 9-1-1 concerns:

1. Terminology – "Headquarters- vs. -York" Engine 64 vs. Engine 6-4.
2. Do not call the 9-1-1 Center for superfluous information, such as calling for directions on the phone when your station is not on a call, and the street is not even in your area.
3. No special dispatches. Dispatchers have been advised not to take anymore of these requests.
4. Three documented cases by 911 in the last month where responding personnel either went to the wrong location or missed the house and then blamed 911 for giving them the wrong location as an explanation to the homeowner. County QA is now sending surveys to the general public on how the 911 service was received by the caller and this was found to be happening.
5. Firefighters should never call 911 by phone to say they are responding to the scene.
6. 33.88 is the fire response / command channel. Do not use it to chitchat or relay phone messages.

Chief Dietz stated that an answer on the siren and monitor test and also modification of the fire dispatch should be decided tonight.

911: Cindy Dietz reported that Lancaster County Stations 8/2, 8/3, & 8/5 have consolidated and become Station 8/7. If you have those stations on your current boxes please contact Cindy to have the changes made. She also reported that Rescue 60 now carries a Life Pak 500 AED. Operations Manager Charlie Schwab was introduced to the group. Charlie talked a little bit about his background with Baltimore County 911 and expressed his door is always open and anyone should feel free to call him at the Center if they have any issues they would like to discuss.

Mike Corcoran then spoke on simulcast he stated there would be 10 or possibly 11 sites involved. He displayed a propagation study of the County and what it would look like when simulcast was up and running and it showed we would have about 99% coverage. Testing for simulcast could start as soon as next week on existing sites. Specific trouble reporting guidelines for **simulcast only** issues will be set by the 911 Center when simulcast is turned on.

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Paul Schaefer reported 4 pump tests were done this month, 5 were tested for the year. Packets for new classes were on the back table. Hazmat Ops class is scheduled for September. The Firefighter I class went well. Paul wanted to thank everyone who helped clean up the storm damage at the school. He said they would need two new overhead doors; one door was blown in over the hood of the Hazmat Truck (no damage to the truck). The old trailer is gone and the confined space tank broke in half. They had approximately 20 trees down. June 3rd and June 22nd Biological Terrorism programs will be put on by the state at the Fire School, more information to follow.

HAZMAT: Director Paul Schaefer reported five calls last month and seventeen calls for the year. Reimbursement from the County of \$840.00 for equipment and physicals was received. No report from Penn Township Haz-Mat.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Chief Dietz reported the accountability guideline is in place and a meeting will be held this month to set up training.

FIRE PREVENTION: No report

EMA: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: President Rupert stated that dues were slow coming in and need to be paid. Chief Bissey asked the body what they wanted to do about modifying the fire dispatch. Motion made by Chief Dietz, second by Chief Miller to modify the dispatch to eliminate announcing equipment on the second voice. Motion carried. Dispatch will be modified when simulcast is turned on. Chief Bissey asked what the body wanted to do about the siren and monitor test. President Rupert suggested we wait another month and those who could do without the test should contact Cindy by email and have their station removed from the list. Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the bills, motion by Mike Miller second by Rob Bissey to pay the bills.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Nichols presented a congressional proclamation to the Fire School on behalf of Wayne Harper. This will be on display at the School. Chief Nichols also stated that Doug Eash is no longer an officer at Lincolnway. Commissioner Roth Spoke on a Countywide Chaplancy Corp. He said Chaplain John Robinson would like to meet with the Association and discuss setting up a Corp for the Fire Service in York County. Chief Dietz suggested sending a letter to Barry Bussey regarding the check from the Association for the 9-11 Fund. President Rupert will send a letter this week. Chief Fornadel suggested sending a letter to the County Commissioners highlighting the body's feelings in regard to the 911 studies. Discussion followed. President Rupert will draft a letter and run it by the Board of Governors before sending it. President Rupert asked for thoughts on the building expansion project. Discussion followed on the needs of building expansion versus equipment replacement.

Chief Dietz made a motion, second by Chief Bissey to go with the bid for building expansion submitted by Markey Builders for \$268,110.00, opting not to go with the G-1 option, but to utilize the G-2 option which provides for reinforced fiberglass panels for the wall finish in the Men's and Women's Toilets for an additional cost of \$2000.00 with new roofing and siding, also exercising the contingency for 20,000.00 and the additional \$25,000.00 stipulation. President Rupert asked for any additional discussion, none followed. President Rupert asked for a hand vote. Twenty-eight in favor and ten opposed. Motion carried.

President Rupert stated that effective July 1, 2002 the new Rescue Curriculum goes in effect. There will be a Train-the-Trainer program Skip has a list of those who need it. The new curriculum will follow NFPA 1006 – Disciplines of Rescue. There will be three 16-hour modules with three tests.

Module 1 – Awareness (theory/classroom) Module 2 – Operations (basic vehicle rescue/patient packaging) Module 3 – Technician (Advanced rescue with hydraulic tools). This will be a state level rescue certification in which all modules must be completed in an 18-month period.

Chief Bill Hoover read a letter on live fire training in acquired structures. It stated that effective May 16, 2002 all live fire training in structures acquired by departments, would require a local approved instructor be present at the burn, as well as the burn being approved thru the Fire Academy.

Chief Lane stated that the Rescue Specs would need to be rewritten to go along with the new curriculum.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Chief Dietz brought brochures for Fall Command School and stated that it had been moved from the Lancaster County location to HACC. It will be September 27th thru the 29th and there will be a new EMS track. Chief Dietz also stated that PennDot would be hosting an Open House on Wednesday May 23, 2002 from 3-7pm on the Susquehanna Trail all are invited to attend. Steve said the Northeastern Mutual Aid Association will be having a Chicken Bar-B-Que on Route 30 June 1st.

Chief Bissey said he had a petition with him to restore the State Fire Grant. He also has renewed licenses for North York, East Prospect, The County of York, and Jefferson. He stated there were training notices on the back table for a PA One Call training seminar/dinner. It will be held at the Days Inn on Arsenal Rd, Tuesday June 11th. Functions of a pipeline emergency will be discussed.

President Rupert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Mike Miller, second by Steve Dietz. Meeting adjourned by President Skip Rupert.

Note: 2001/2002 dues are now due. They are \$10.00 for the two years. Make checks payable to the Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association.

Next meeting scheduled at 7:30 pm on Monday, June 17, 2002 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary